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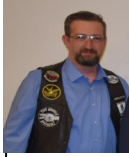
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Josh
"SKI"
Witkowski

What did ABATE do in 2023? Every year, we get asked "What did ABATE do this Year?" Well here are the highlights from Illinois and DC for the year 2023. These successes happen because of members like you and the sup-

port you give to ABATE of Illinois. Feel free to share with members and non-members alike to help grow our organization.

Bills ABATE authored that passed & have been signed; SB896 which legalizes Red LED underglow while braking along with LED insert lighting for turn signals, wrap around signals and disc signals. **HB2582** which removes the duplicate testing requirement for 16 & 17 year old motorcyclists while keeping the mandate that they take the MSF class. Both laws take effect Jan 1, 2024

Bills ABATE supported that have been signed into law; HB2131 creates a zero traffic fatality taskforce and gives a "motorcycle rights organization" a seat on the taskforce. We are currently working with the Governor's office on that appointment.

HB2231 treats UBER, Lyft, Door Dash, etc equal to other transportation companies when it comes to lawsuits. Uber drivers have killed motorcyclists while driving for Uber and Uber was not able to be sued, whereas a cab company would've been liable. **HB2431** bans videoconferencing while driving.

Only one bill that ABATE opposed was signed into law. The revenue omnibus bill included a provision for 3 years of tax credits on E-15 sales. ABATE was the only group opposed to this bill, and our opposition was strongly noted during floor debate.

Bills that ABATE has defeated (for now); HB1108 creates a noise monitoring program on Lake Shore Drive (which leads to uneven enforcement against motorcycles). **HB1634 / SB2050** mandate IL follow CA air emissions requirements banning combustion engines by 2035 and harming off road racing. **HB3238** is a body armor ban that bans the ownership of some motorcycle protective gear due to it containing Kevlar.

Off Road issues – ABATE has reached an agreement on language for a bill that would allow OHV to use county & township roads. The agreement moves our position to neutral instead of opposed. ABATE was also informed that \$1 million is available in the OHV trails fund which IDNR is asking our help in promoting the next round of grants to be awarded from that fund. **The State-owned OHV Park near Carbondale is one step closer to reality** as IDNR has filed the rules that will govern the park with JCAR. This is a crucial step to being able to actually open the park.

Motorcycle Training Issues – There had been a path to move forward with a possible statewide training partner. Personalities at IDOT and legal issues threaten to end training in the Northern 2/3 of the state. However, **ABATE of Illinois has learned that there are viable partners who want to bid on the Central and**

Northern Regions, but IDOT is not releasing new notices of funding opportunity which are needed for these partners to bid on. IDOT has a new safety bureau chief who has agreed to meet with ABATE, but we are approaching it cautiously. In the interim, ABATE will be asking members to call their representatives to ask IDOT to release these notices so that new partners can come forward to take over training.

Autonomous vehicles in Illinois. No one in Illinois is interested in moving forward with Autonomous Vehicle regulations currently. **The consensus is vehicle code and liability laws are written in such a way that it's creating gridlock on how to move forward.** ABATE had planned on working on smaller bills to try and codify that **vehicles must have a driver present** and in control at all times for now while the bigger conversations continue. We were advised that this would be a very steep climb for veto session, so we will be regrouping for spring 2024.

Illinois Legislative Agenda 2024 – ABATE will maintain the same agenda as 2023 for now. It will be printed in the next print Newsletter.

DC Update – In September, I went out to DC prior to MOTM in Pennsylvania. This was the result of conversations between Bob Ellinger and myself. Three primary issues were discussed with our delegation & NHTSA. Here are the results

Right to Repair – All of the Illinois delegation is aware of this issue, and they are interested in seeing a revised bill passed. Apparently, this issue was the primary reason a freshman Congresswoman from Washington was elected, so it has a lot of attention. While ABATE was out in DC, the Autocare folks pushing for this bill held a day of action. We were able to get several good national contacts on the issue and pass them on to the MRF.

Motorcycle Advisory Committee - This committee was supposed to be seated by USDOT almost 2 years ago, but they had not done it yet. In the course of ABATE visits to DC, **Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's** staff floated the idea of a congressional delegation letter to USDOT. It was supported by **Congressman Darin LaHood, Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski & Congressman Mike Bost** who took it a step further and posed a formal question to USDOT in a committee hearing the very next day after talking with ABATE. The MAC ended up being submitted to the Federal Register the next week. The MRF, ABATE, and AMA had all been working on this issue. Thankfully it ended up very successful. Now motorcyclists will have a direct voice on planning national infrastructure.

Driverless cars / NHTSA – **Congresswoman Robin Kelly's** staff suggested that we review draft legislation from **Congresswoman Debbie Dingel of Michigan** before meeting with NHTSA the next day and that we reach out to her office to schedule a meeting. That legislation proved to be very detailed and had several provisions we could support, so ABATE of Illinois conferred with MRF, then called ABATE of Michigan to see if they were ok with us talking to their Congresswoman. ABATE of Michigan gave their blessing and we attempted to

schedule a meeting. During that time ABATE of Illinois met with NHTSA regarding driverless cars. We were introduced to the head of vehicle collision avoidance testing along with several other people in the room and online. It was an interesting meeting where we took notes to compare with MRF later that week as they had met with a different slate of NHTSA folks too. During this meeting, the Dingel proposal was brought up. NHTSA admitted to providing technical assistance in its drafting & suggested **ABATE of Illinois be involved with her office** on this process. After leaving the meeting, **Congresswoman Budzinski** happened to catch me on the street in front of the DOT building. I told her about wanting to set up the meeting with Rep Dingel of Michigan, and she got her staff involved to help make a better connection. **Within 30 minutes of Rep Budzinski's involvement, ABATE of Illinois got the meeting with Rep Dingel's office.** ABATE of Illinois was able to make contact and work with her staff that is drafting the proposal, then brief Rocky & Jay with MRF when we got to Pennsylvania for Meeting of the Minds. **There is now a unified plan in place to work these issues together Federally.**

National Legislative Agenda 2024 – At Meeting of the Minds 2023, the national legislative agenda was changed to **move the monitoring of lane splitting / filtering laws up to medium priority.** There are now over a dozen states with potential legislation dealing with this issue.

ABATE & MRF – At the August BOD meeting, the question of our partnership and participation with MRF was asked, so here is a brief history of ABATE & MRF partnership. In 2018, ABATE of Illinois invited Tiffani with MRF to be our guest speaker at the Freedom Rally & changed our DC trip to coincide with Bikers in the Beltway. Since 2018, ABATE of Illinois has delivered sponsors on every MRF priority in DC,

often leading the way or at least in the top 3 states. We have donated thousands of dollars, hosted events, and participated in every legislative meeting. ABATE of Illinois has brought several things to those meetings that the MRF is now touting nationally such as the California Exemption to the clean air act and how that affects the future of the Internal Combustion Engine. We have brought forth knowledge on EVs, AVs, Future of transport and trends to every MOTM. MRF even made a point of asking ABATE input on EVs during MOTM 2022 in Des Moines. Rocky and Ski text fairly regularly & ABATE has been working with Rocky & Jay Jackson on AV issues. As you can see, **the recent coordination in DC is a continuation of the strong partnership** that ABATE of Illinois has maintained with those in the MRF who want to see a partnership flourish.

Moving to the Future – At the October BOD meeting, I asked for Theo Graff to become an Assistant / Co Legislative Coordinator in 2024. So, if I am elected for 2024, I will be working to give Theo the support he needs to eventually become a successful E-board member in his own right. Theo has been very active as a young board representative and a former chapter president. In his personal life, Theo and his dad have been very active in several different grassroots and lobbying organizations. I feel that he will make a great addition to our team for 2024 and we would appreciate your support in the December elections. Additionally, I have asked Hunter John Harris to join us to give perspective from ABATE's original days & he has agreed to come on board to assist in training the next generation of legislative leaders for ABATE.

I look forward to seeing everyone in December at the Christmas Party – Josh "SKI" Witkowski



ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

ABATE of Illinois is working to ensure that Motorcycle Safety Courses remain free and available to all of those that want to learn to ride in Illinois.

The Cycle Rider Safety Training Program offers courses for riders of all skill and experience levels. All courses are free to any Illinois resident 16 or older who holds a valid automobile or motorcycle driver's license or permit.

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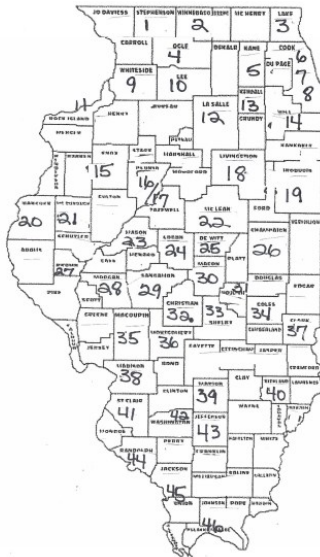
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- Blackhawk-11
- Freeport-1
- Kishwaukee Valley-2
- Open Roads-13
- Starved Rock-12
- Thunder Rock-4
- Twin Rivers-10

West Central Region Chapters

- Central Illinois -15
- Freebird-23
- Freedom Valley-16/17
- Illini-21*Closed as of 10/2022*
- Lamoine Valley-20
- Lincoln Land-29
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Southwest Region

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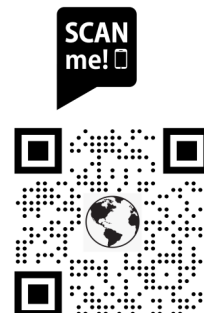
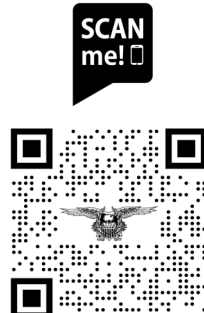
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What is ABATE?

A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education ensures that the rights and freedoms enjoyed by motorcyclists/ off-roaders/ATV riders in Illinois will not disappear. ABATE believes that freedom of choice is one we can't lose and will work with state and local legislators to ensure that freedom is never lost for motorcyclists in the State of Illinois. ABATE will ensure that motorcycles are a primary mode of transportation in Illinois and see to it that motorcyclists are included in all aspects of transportation planning in the future.



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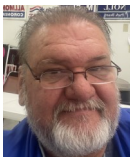
Hi again A.B.A.T.E., As riding season is coming down to the final few months, I hope everyone has been able to get out to some of our chapter, and state events this year. It was good to see so many events put on and I tried to attend as many as I could. I traveled to several other state events this year. Making many new contacts and signing up in states I visited. By doing this I received their monthly newsletters. Any time you can make new contacts within organizations like ours it opens new ways to gather information on issues across our country and compare their issues with ours and look at how they may be approaching an issue that we are working on. Seminars, conferences, state, chapter party's and events, are information gold mines. And hell, you get to meet the best people in the world. Motorcycle riders and freedom fighters. No one can make them all but if you can make one or two a year you will see what I'm talking about. Look for events this winter to attend like our seminar or chapter get to gatherings around the state. Sit down talk a little shop but remember to have a little fun while you're at it. Just a thought here, but I think it's a good one. All the people putting on these events and those of us who attend, across the state and out state, are our people. They get it, they "we" understand what it means to ride free, to be free and have the will to fight for it.) That's the kind of people I want to hang with, don't you? In closing please, please ride safely, look out for your brothers and sister while out there and as always thank you for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. you *are* one of those people I want to hang with.

Your state coordinator Bob (Mouse) Ellinger



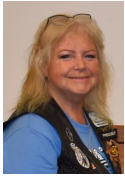
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Paula Ward



Safety and Ed
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November is here and Riding Season is finished for some, but not for all.. Be careful riding on the roads as the Temperatures Change.. Continue to watch out for the Farm Machinery or any Other Farm Vehicles on the road. They can continue to move throughout all hrs. of the night.. Deer Season is in full stride and the animals will continue to get bumped out of their spots throughout the night and day.. Always Think Safety even when you're driving a Car/Cage.

As of 10/15/2023 Illinois Motorcycle Fatalities = 136.

I expect these numbers to slow down because many riders are putting their Bikes up for the year.

Special Thanks to those that went to the Driver's Education Regional Workshops! This a great way to meet the Teachers and get Signed Up for their Classes!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



John "Fireball" Anderson
ABATE of Illinois Safety & Education Coordinator





Products Coordinator

Working on Winter Product for ABATE of Illinois.

Will have things available before the seminar hopefully for the December meeting. If emails are sent to the products email before the meeting.

Going to try to get picture and prices out for everyone to see. Working with the Assistant State Coordinator to get Seminar shirts for the seminar.

Stay safe.
Paulette Korte
Products Coordinator



Newsletter Coordinator

Articles due November 11th for the December issue of the newsletter. Thank you to the Chapters that submit articles and keeps us updated with the news and events around the state. If you have updated logos that you would like to use in the newsletter please email me. You are welcome to send photos and I will post if there is room, please limit the number if photos on printed issues. **New Supporting business letter upon request.**

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State Secretary

Warm Fall Greetings all,

I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the nice fall days and see some of the beautiful colors.

The Christmas party will be held after the Board of Directors meeting. Hope we see many of you there. If you do plan to attend, please bring a dish or treat.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Teri Smith

ABATE of Illinois, Secretary

ABATE of Illinois State Calendar for 2024

(Subject to Change)

All Board Meetings will be held at the
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
625 E St. Joseph Street
Springfield, Illinois

The BOD meeting on October 21, 2023 was a good meeting. We had 34 Chapters represented, with 25 guests. It was good to see so many faces. The Board passed the following motions:

BOD2023-015. Motion to accept the Executive Board recommendation and retain Paula Ward as office manager at current status by Heart of Illinois, seconded by Eastern Illinois. No opposed. Motion passed.

BOD2023-016. Motion to accept the new changes to the scholarship program. \$2500 awarded. To include grand children of members and nominations due by April first of each year by Eastern Illinois, seconded by Kishwaukee Valley. Blackhawk opposed. Motion passed,

BOD2023-017. Motion to increase or allow up to fifteen hundred dollars for the 2023 Christmas party by Old River. Seconded by Blackhawk. Central, Chicago, Freeport, Piasa-Gateway, St. Clair, Starved Rock, Ten Mile Creek and Twin Rivers opposed. Motion passed. (22-08)

BOD2023-018 Motion to allow the BOD to decide if the Legislative Day will be in February or March by Open Roads, seconded by Dukane. All opposed. Motion failed unanimously.

BOD2023-019. Motion to accept the 2024 Calendar by Eastern Illinois, seconded by Kishwaukee Valley. Opposed by Blackhawk, Lamoine Valley and Starved Rock. Motion passed.

BOD2023-020. Motion to accept the proposed budget for 2024 by Heart of Illinois, seconded by Freeport. Central opposed. Motion passed.

Nominations for the 2024 Executive Board were also held and closed during the meeting. The Elections will be held during the December Board of Directors meeting.

The next meetings will be held at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center

November 18, 2023 Executive Board at 10:00 am

December 16, 2023 Executive Board at 10:00 am

Board of Directors at 1:00pm

TBD = to be determined

DATE	EVENT
January 19-21	Seminar
February 17	E-Board and BOD meeting
March 23 March 24 TBD	E-Board meeting Swap Meet Legislative Day
April 20	E-Board and BOD meeting
May 5	Freedom Rally
June 15 June 20-23	E-Board and BOD meeting State Party
August 17	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
September 1st September 21	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting
October 19 TBD	E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) Swap Meet
November 16	E-Board Meeting
December 14 December 14	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections) Christmas Party

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BOD Attendance							
Chapter	February	April	June	August	October	December	Post Cards Sent
Backroads	X	-					6/23
Black Diamond	-	X		X			
Blackhawk	X	X	X				
Central Illinois	X	X	X	X			
Chicago	X	X	X	X			
Crawford County	X	X	X	X			
Dukane	X	X	X	X			
Eastern Illinois	X	X	X	X			
Embarras Valley	X	X	X	X			
Freebird	X	X	X				
Freedom Riders	-	X	X	X			
Freedom Valley	X	X	X				
Freeport	X	X	X	X			
Heart of Illinois	X	X	X	X			
Kaskaskia Valley	X	X	X	X			
Kishwaukee Valley	X	X	X	X			
Lamoine Valley	X	X		X			
Liberty	X	X	X	X			
Lincolnland	X	X	X	X			
Midstate	X	X		X			
Northern Illinois	X	X	X	X			
Old River	X	-					6/23
Open Roads	X	X	X	X			
Pathfinders	X	X		X			
Peo-Taz	X	X	X	X			
Piasa-Gateway	X	X	X	X			
Priairieland	X	X	X	X			
Richland County	X	X	X	X			
Salt Creek	X	X	X	X			
Shawnee Hills	X	X	X	X			
Shoal Creek	X	X	X	X			
South Suburban	X	X	X	X			
Southern Illinois 27	X	X	X	X			
St Clair	X	X					9/23
Starved Rock	X	X	X	X			
State Line Riders	-	X		X			
Ten Mile Creek	X	X	X	X			
Thunder Rock	X	X	X	X			
Tri-County	X	X	X				
Twin Rivers	X	X	X	X			
Union Jack	X	X		X			
Will County	X		X	X			
Windy City	-	X					9/23

Nominations for 2024 Executive Board-

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Bob "Mouse" Ellinger

Assistant State Coordinator

Scott "Scooter" Carter

Robert Ruddell

Secretary

Teri Smith

Treasurer

Paul Truax

Legislative Coordinator

Josh "Ski" Witkowski

Jeff "Troll" Marsh

Safety & Education Coordinator

John "Fireball" Anderson

Products Coordinator

Paulette Korte

Newsletter Coordinator

Sonya Link

Public Relations Coordinator

Chris Hansen

Bike Raffle Coordinator

Howard Nation

Activities Coordinator

Sharilyn Kibler-Russell

Regional Coordinators

Northeast

Rich Gruner

Northwest

Patti Smith

East Central

Rick Makowski and Todd Farthing

(Co-Coordinators)

Howdy Mills

West Central

George Hurst and Mike Thompson

(Co-Coordinators)

Southeast

Bob Stout

Southwest

Martha Patterson

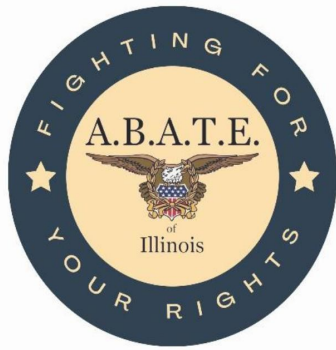


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Regional Coordinators

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ABATE of Illinois and ABATE Legal Services are proud to partner together to offer a scholarship for ABATE family members.

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Requirements:

A written essay of 1500 to 2500 words covering the listed topic ideas concerning issues supported by ABATE of Illinois.

Topic Ideas:

- What ABATE means to me.
- What ABATE of Illinois is about.
- Motorcycle and off-road experience
- Legislative issues concerning motorcycles and off roading.
- Motorcycle safety or education
- Rider education

The essay along with a cover letter containing the applicant's name, address and affiliation to ABATE of Illinois can be either mailed or emailed to the ABATE State office no later than April 1 of each calendar year.

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the April Board of Director's meeting each year and the recipient's essay will be featured in the ABATE of Illinois Newsletter.

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Public Relations

Hello ABATE of Illinois Chapters!

November is upon us and with that comes the leaves turning colors and falling. Please be careful out there when riding where leaves are on the roads. They can be like black ice to a motorcyclist. I hope that you all have a very Blessed Thanksgiving and get to spend time with friends and family while riding safely.

What a great Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet we just had! There were so many vendors with those hard-to-find parts for your motorcycles. It was great to see vendors like Knucklehead Bob of the DuKane Chapter, Mama Bear Cups, Twisted Spokes RC, Beneve, Bondslaves MC, and more. The music was rocking thanks to B&T Extravaganza. It was great to have the continued support of Law Tigers, ABATE Legal, and Hupy & Abraham for this event. Big thanks go out to Activities Coordinator Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, State Coordinator Bob "Mouse" Ellinger, Secretary Teri Smith, Office Manager Pauli Ward, and Newsletter Coordinator Sonya Link for their hard work on this event! I also want to thank the Champaign County Fairgrounds for being excellent hosts and supporting motorcyclists!

I couldn't go without talking about motorcycle awareness this month. We have lost over 130 brothers and sisters this year to motorcycle fatalities. That is just too many. Bikers are loud. Now we need to **GET LOUDER**. Get out into your communities and talk with people about watching for motorcycles. Utilize your social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), or wherever you can about watching for motorcycles. Get into schools and talk with students about watching for motorcycles. Set up a booth at events in your communities and talk with people about watching for motorcycles. Are you catching a theme here? We need everyone to **WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES!** There are so many ways we can get louder in our communities. Please reach out to anyone on the executive board if you have any questions or need assistance.

I hope you all have plans to attend the upcoming events that ABATE of Illinois has coming up, and we have been pushing them more on social media to spread the word.

- ABATE of Illinois EBOD/BOD Meetings on December 16th
- ABATE of Illinois Christmas Party on December 16th
- ABATE of Illinois State Seminar on January 19th – 20th

Speaking of the ABATE of Illinois State Seminar, it's coming up on January 19th – 20th, 2024 at the Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center in Springfield, IL. This is always a great weekend of motorcyclist camaraderie and a great opportunity to zero in on skills to take back to your chapters to work for motorcyclists. There will be live auctions, break out sessions, a great banquet, hospitality rooms, sweets & treats, and more. Be sure to get this on your calendars and head to the website to pre-register. You can register and find more information at www.abate-il.org/Seminar-2024. You can also find a link there if you'd like to sponsor the event. We hope to see you all there to help us kick off 2024 with a bang!

As always, I am available if you need to reach out or have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Text or email me any time.

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

ABATE of Illinois Public Relations Coordinator

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: RICH GRUNER

Northeast Region chapters have been busy this past month.

Chicago Chapter participated in the Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association Seminar at Kennedy High School on September

23rd. This was a huge safety and educational opportunity to reach teachers and eventually students in the city to make them aware of motorcycles on the road.

DuKane Chapter held a successful Food and Toy Run despite chilly temperatures and scattered showers on Sunday October 8th. This event benefited underprivileged children in the western suburbs.

South Suburban Chapter in conjunction with the Glen Maker American Legion held a Halloween Party on Friday October 27th benefitting the chapter and veterans.

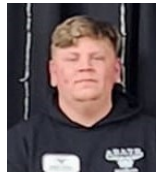
Will County Chapter concluded their Mileage Contest at their October meeting and participated in the final 2023 Bike Night at Cycle Gear in Bolingbrook. Both events promoted membership, safety and the freedom of the road.

Officer nominations and elections will be taking place over the next couple of months on the state and chapter level. Please consider serving on ABATEPAC or with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation as trustees are needed in the Northeast Region.

Nominations and elections for your chapter offices are ongoing. Your participation is needed to continue the fight for our right to ride free in Illinois. We face challenges on many fronts... autonomous vehicles, the right to repair our motorcycles, finding the right fuel, distracted drivers, discriminatory practices by law enforcement and more! If you have questions on how to serve, please reach out to me.

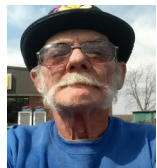
I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling, be safe!

Rich Gruner
NE Region Coordinator



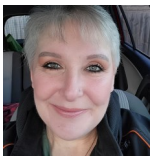
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: ROBERT RUDELL

No article submitted.



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: WILLIAM "HOWDY" MILLS

No Article Submitted



WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: APRIL JONES

No article submitted.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: MARTHA PATTERSON

No article submitted.



SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: BOB STOUT

No article submitted.



ABATE OF ILLINOIS – BOD

This letter is my support of Jeff Marsh for Legislative Coordinator.

I have known Jeff for a long time and have always admired Jeff on his love of our organization and his love of its members and how he treats them.

Whatever Jeff took on he always did his best to accomplish his task(s).

He did an outstanding job as Assistant State Coordinator, his chapter BOD Rep, and every job he took on.

Jeff has always treated people this respect and kindness and never talks down to people.

He never treats people like he is better than him

I asked him to step up and take my place, but due to an unfortunate situation at home he needed to take care of which I totally agreed.

Another point the BOD needs to correct (in my opinion), there needs to be a Legislative Coordinator.....and a Contract Lobbyists. (2) Separate people. This is a Conflict of Interest and not the right path to follow.

The L.C. represents the BOD and tells the Contract Lobbyists what you want done. That means there will be (2) people to discuss/plan what needs to be done at out capitol.

(2) Points of View are always better than (1)

There are many more reasons why we need to change, far too many for me to type, but if you sit back and think you will see them.

Now after all that, Josh has done some good things, but how many in the last 6 years?

I know I am not very good with computers, but I cannot find on our site what are Accomplishments are the last 36 years are.

In closing, 1 of the best things about Jeff Marsh isthere is no "I" in his name.

I, Paul Truax, intend to be State Treasurer of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc for 2024.

A few years ago I started doing bookkeeper services which saved \$4,000 the first year. I continue to save thousands annually for these services. I was able to bring in more than seven thousand in government grants during the pandemic. As of 2023, I was able to finally include all bank accounts (there are seven) and our investment accounts into our balance sheet. It's been a pleasure to serve you and ABATE of Illinois. I look forward to many more years of service.

East Central Region Coordinator

I william (howdy) mills would like consideration for East Central Reagon Coordinator, i have held this office for a year, ive had this office a total of 3 years pryer, i have tried my best to help chapters in my reagon with any problems that have come up. I also have enjoyed meeting and seeing everyone i can in the region. I've been to many of my chapters events and meetings and plan on continuing interacing with every chapter that i can, even those outside my region.

William (Howdy) Mills

I, Rick Makowski, am honored to have been nominated for EC regional coordinator and am looking forward to serving on the executive board and representing all of the chapters in our region. I have been a member of abate for over 20 years and have served on the board of directors for 18 years as the current bod representative for heart of Illinois chapter for the last 7 years and previously as the alternate bod rep. I have previously served as president and Vice President for our chapter and have been our chapter legislative coordinator for the past 18 years. I

would like your support and look forward to serving all of the chapters in our region along wi Farthing as co-coordinator. Thanks

I, Todd Farthing am honored to have been nominated as East Central Region Coordinator.

I've been an active member with Abate since 2021 and have experience as a chapter vice president. I'm fa-

miliar with many of the chapters in the region and look forward to serving them as a co-coordinator with Rick Makowski I would greatly appreciate your support.
Thank you.

West Central Region Coordinator

My Name is Jason Duff. For the past year I have been the Activities Coordinator for Lincoln Land. I have gotten to know members in other chapter across the state and enjoyed all the state activities this past year as well.

As a member of ABATE I have always looked past just the chapter and thought of everything as a whole and in the best interest of the organization. Due to that thinking I have considered running for the West Central Coordinator position on the EBOD.

As the West Central Coordinator I would visit each chapter in my region. Sit down with them and find out what works in each chapter as to retaining members and how they get members. I would than share this information with other chapters for them to try. The goal is to bring old members back and to lean on new younger members. I would work on bringing back chapter challenges and other things that have stopped that I hear chapters liked.

I own my own company allowing me to control my schedule to do what is needed and attend not just state stuff but come to chapters to talk and help with anything they bring to my attention. By having me as the Coordinator the state can save money on Hotel rooms since I live 4 blocks from the hotel where the BOD and EBOD has their meetings in Springfield also saving money for all other state events in Springfield like the seminar, rally, swap meet, and Christmas party.

I believe we need some younger members stepping up and younger members brought into the organization. This will keep ABATE alive and at the same time help educate the younger generation on things they don't know when riding.
Sincerely

Jason A. Duff

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My intent Is to run for region coordinator for West Central with Mike Thompson. With Mike in the west and me in the east we should serve the region better.

Thanks for your support.
Promote ABATE
George Hurst

To The BOD,
I wish to submit my letter of intent to serve as our West Central Region Co-Coordinator.
Thank you for your consideration.
Michael E. Thompson

Northwest Region Coordinator

I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported and help me this year! It has been an honor to serve you as a the NW Region Coordinator. I would like to be considered for re-election in 2024. I will continue to do my best to serve this organization as a productive member. In the last year I have had the opportunity to get the Future of ABATE Committee up and going, serve my chapters, and meet some amazing people.
Looking forward to serving again.

Thank you again.
Ride Safe and Free

-Robert Ruddell
Northwest Region Coordinator



Ask Our Lawyer

By Rod Taylor

ABATE Legal Services



I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!

If you have been to the ABATE State Seminar in Illinois, Indiana, or Ohio, you have heard me discuss the need for carrying adequate **Uninsured/**

Underinsured (otherwise known as **UM/UIM**) Coverage. Unfortunately, this subject matter is once again in need of repeating.

This past month we received a phone call from a new client who was run over on his motorcycle. The first words he said to me were, “Rod, it’s okay! I listened to you at the State Seminar and got the maximum insurance coverage I could get!” The problem is, while he did get the maximum insurance coverage he could carry for the other guy, he obtained the minimum **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage for himself. Now he is left with \$25k in coverage for his losses.

What he should have done is sign up for as much uninsured/underinsured coverage he could get - he did not. Instead he opted to cover the other guy for 500k and leave himself with minimal coverage in the event of an un/underinsured driver. In decades of representing bikers I have yet to see a serious claim injury against a motorcyclist. It just doesn't happen. (When have you ever heard of the driver of the Mack truck suing a motorcyclist for personal injuries?) So the rule is to take care of yourself with decent limits of **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage. That is the insurance motorcyclists need most as it protects us when someone injures us, carrying the state minimum, or worse yet, no insurance whatsoever. Most insurance companies only allow the motorcyclist to buy insurance for themselves that is equal to or less than your coverage for the Mack truck guy. Minimal limits are inadequate, and just enough to cause great irritation and financial grief. Give Hilary or myself a call if you would like to discuss what best fits your needs.

DANGERS OF RIDING EAST THIS TIME OF YEAR – IT’S FIVE O’CLOCK SOMEWHERE

ABATE LEGAL passes on our observations of motorcycles getting hit while traveling east in late afternoon. Numerous riders have been hit or nearly so by drivers heading west into the blinding sun. Sounds like common sense, but the smaller you are, the harder it is to see you in the setting sun. So much so that I say avoid traveling into or away from a blinding sun. If you do, be prepared that the car/truck coming toward you or up behind you may be blinded by the sun's rays. We have had several members learn this the hard way. Just passing this on.

MOTORCYCLE NATION

The year 1909 was a time when there were no cars, generally speaking. Just trains, horses, bicycles and most significantly motorcycles. For a biker that meant almost nothing to watch out for. It was August of that year and a guy by the name of Fisher (famous as the founder of the Indianapolis 500, Miami Beach and Presto-Lite) was holding the first race at the Indy 500; it was a motorcycle race. William Harley and Walter Davidson were there along with their chief line foreman, and everybody that was anybody in motorcycling.

How do I know this? While at the Indy Motorcycle Expo, I took in the Old Timers area. There, the old flat trackers, hill climbers, and Daytona veterans were in force. Some bring artifacts from the glory days, like Kenny Staughton. For the last several decades the equivalent of the painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for motorcyclists has hung above Kenny’s living room couch. It is one of those seven foot long – one foot high brown-toned photographs of old. The photograph looks North on Meridian Street from the base of the Monument Circle. (The site of the Motorcycles on Meridian that happens each summer) Positioned on about a third of the Circle are 250 motorcycles. I can identify two cylinder Indians and one cylinder Harleys. In those days Harley was not into speed, but endurance. Indian was into speed. So two races were to happen. One was the speed race at the Indy 500 and the other was an endurance race starting in Cleveland, down to Columbus, over to Dayton, Richmond, just below Sky Castle Airport, Rushville and finally Indy. Bill Harley and Walter Davidson won the endurance race and came together with the Indy racers for the photograph. I can identify William Harley and Walter Davidson and the Harley Davidson factory foreman – I think. Or at least that is my story and I’m sticking to it. I thought about having a contest and naming it “Looking for Walter” after the kid game.

What is striking about the photo is there are almost no cars in the photo – maybe a lonely handmade Buick, but that is about it. Around the sea of motorcycles are horse and carriages and a bicycle or two. In 1909 we were truly a motorcycle nation. Not till 1912 when Henry Ford implemented the assembly line in Detroit City did that change. Bob Schulteti of Harley South-Side believes that Motorcycle Nation existed into the late teens before there were enough cars to make a difference.

While admiring Kenny’s wonderful photograph, I wondered aloud where the motorcyclists got gas, since there were no cars- no gas stations. Bob Schulteti knew the answer – drug stores. Imagine – a land before gas stations and no place to get a Big Gulp.

Kenny allowed us to get copies of his living room treasure. I gave one of the copies to a friend and then a Board Member of the Indy 500 operation. When the folks at the Indy 500 discovered they did not have that photo – of the first race at

the Indy 500, and never knew it existed, my friend's copy was requisitioned. Next time you are in my office, take the time to gaze at a photograph that captured a time when America was a "motorcycle nation" – with not one gas station.

A PLACE TO RIDE TO DIE - THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS - COL D'AUBISQUE

When I lived in Wayne County about a thousand years ago, I dreamed of riding the Pyrenees Mountains. No more dreaming, because I finally did it, and I would never ever think of doing it again. In fact, knowing what I know now, I would have paid criminal amounts of money not to go. And I would tell every friend of mine to never even think about it. Because of this trip, a good argument could be made that I have a case of post-traumatic stress syndrome, treatable only with good whiskey - for now.

I went with two friends, Andre Lacy, Don Palmer and Ann, of course. The bonds formed as a result of surviving the ride can almost be described like that of combatants having survived a battle. Here is why. Don Palmer, Ann and I are motorcycle cruisers. We are not MotoGP kind of riders. Andre was hard core. His 73 years belied a man of steel and guts. His ability to handle a BMW sport bike was impressive, especially when he encountered a 13 percent grade on a 180-degree switchback. He took a fall, did two perfect rolls, shook it off, picked his bike up and went on like nothing happened. I see why businesses did so well with him at the helm. The state of Indiana was lucky to have him as a citizen.

Ann and I have ridden nearly every major mountain range in the U.S., and we love it and the safety attention usually afforded roads in our country. But that experience did not come close to preparing us for the Pyrenees Mountain pass from hell - Col d'Aubisque. The motorcycle rental company only rented BMW's - great motorcycles, but I had never ridden one. My friends know me as a Harley guy and that is the bike that I know well. Big mistake, huge, to take an unfamiliar bike to that pass, but I am an old farm boy with a "how hard can it be attitude." I found out.

Here is what happened. In taking the roads up to the pass from hell, we encountered narrow roads - no big deal. That is, until you take away guardrails, leave the roads at about a 13 percent grade, and throw in a menagerie of farm animals, all loose and roaming around looking for handouts like an NYC panhandler. Then there were the French tourists driving mini campers, seemingly always looking the wrong way, and driving on your FIVE FEET of road. Not sure if the middle finger was a universal sign before I rode there, but I am pretty sure it is now. Cows with bells, sheep with bells, goats with bells, and did I mention bulls with horns? And of course, throw in a horse with a cowbell (I felt sorry for the horse - looked embarrassed). In this open barnyard I learned all about the coefficients of friction of manure, which was everywhere.

Crudely put, cow shit is slicker than goat shit, which is slicker than sheep shit and horse shit is slicker than all of them. Am not sure about the bull shit. This is very important information to know with a two-wheeler on steep roads.

A smarter man would have turned around at Col du Tourmalet - the famous point of the Tour de France - and gone back home to Indiana. Forrest Gump was right; stupid is as stupid does. While there among the animals, I looked over towards the pass from hell and said to my companions, "surely that was not the road." It was chiseled into the side of the mountain and was maybe 16 feet wide in some places. And it was at least 2000 feet straight down - a sheer cliff. (Remember, no guardrails!) When passing the point of no return I was thinking that my new riding gear with state of the art body armor was not going to be much help with a 2000 foot drop. And what a bad time to discover that you are a closet height-fearer. Nothing scared me more than when Ann leaned over and whispered in my ear, "whatever you do, don't look down." My stomach knew she meant it, so I didn't, even when we got to a safe point. My peripheral vision wanted me to look. I refused the bait. I was going up a steep grade in first gear while wishing I had an even lower one and facing a 180 degree switch back on a blind turn (remember the French tourists in the mini campers looking in all the wrong directions and usually driving on my part of the road). The view of just sky ahead and not knowing if the road continued straight or hung a left out of sight was paralyzing, or was it a 13 percent grade, or a 180 degree switchback on a blind curve? And by the way, when does a BMW 1200 stall out with the mother of my children on back? I had never ridden so much in first or second gear in my life. (Ann, I promise to never-ever threaten to fatten you up and sell you ever again.)

Here is how I put this ride up through the pass from hell in perspective - in hindsight, of course. Most states have a building that is 600 feet high. Pretend some idiot builds a ramp at a conservative 6-7 percent grade three times higher than that. Next, he builds a wall on one side and makes the ramp 16 feet wide. Then, he leaves the other side wide open - not even a dandelion on the edge between you and the hereinafter. Then, he spreads a smattering of sheep, goats, cattle, and horses along the way, and don't forget the French guys in the minivans he has invited to start up from the opposite direction driving a lot on the "not their" side. Then that guy invites you

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to ride your Harley up the ramp to enjoy yourself and the view. What do you say?

Some of you may be thinking that this bike trip was a Darwin theory screening device to get rid of those who are not smart enough to deserve a place on this earth. In my defense, I had great traveling companions like Bill and Amy Corbett. He was a law school professor and former dean, and Amy was one of the heads of the FAA. We followed them through the tough parts. Their presence was greatly comforting and their disappearance either to the left or right, or over the crest was equally discomfoting. We met them for the first time on this trip, but I think we have bonded for life.

If someone ever tries to talk you into riding up through the pass from hell, call me and I will give you some of the best advice you will ever get. As for me, Ann, and Don, we are left with the best feeling ever - the one of being shot at and missed.

Ride Safe.

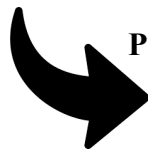
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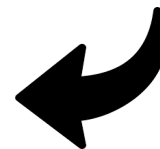
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Oct 15, 2023	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Swap Meet
Oct 29, 2023	Urbana	Champaign Co. Fairground	ABATE Swap Meet
Nov 10-12, 2023	Gifford	Gordyville USA	Flea Market
Nov 18-19, 2023	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Flea Market
Nov 23-26, 2023	Springfield	White Oaks Mall	Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec 8-24, 2023	Springfield	White Oaks Mall	Christmas Holiday
Jan 7, 2024	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	Winter Blows Swap Meet
Jan 19-20, 2024	Springfield	Northfield Inn	ABATE Seminar
February 11, 2024	Princeton	Fairgrounds	Swap Meet
February 25, 2024	Dixon	Elks Club	Swap Meet
March 24, 2024	Springfield		ABATE Swap Meet
April 13, 2024	Martinsville	Moonshine Store	Lunch Run
April 14, 2024	Belleville	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	TBL Motorcycle Swap Meet
May 3-4, 2024	Fulton	Dutch Days	Fulton History Celebration
May 24-27, 2024	Langley	Psycho Silo	Memorial Day Weekend
May 31-June 2, 2024	Leaf River	Leaf River daze	ABATE Awareness
June 7-8, 2024	Darlington, WI	Lafayette County Fair	Canoe Festival, Beowulf MC Party
June 15, 2024	Marseilles	Downtown	Freedom Run
June 20-30, 2024	Lenark	Crooked Roof	Old Settlers Days
July 4, 2024	Stockton	Memorial Park	July 4 th Celebration
July 5-7, 2024	Freeport	Tutty Days Festival	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 18-20, 2024	Freeport	Big O's on the Hallow	ABATE & MRF Awareness
July 27, 2024	Sandwich	Downtown	Car Show
July 28, 2024	Sycamore	Downtown	Car Show
August 2-4, 2024	Forreston	City Park	Sauerkraut Days
August 10-11, 2024	Mendota	Downtown	Sweetcorn Festival
August 23-24, 2024	Tonica	Downtown	Jeep Jam & Car Show
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January 12-14, 2024	Apr 26-28, 2024
January 26-28, 2024	May 10-12, 2024
February .2-4, 2024	May 17-19, 2024
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NORTHEAST CHAPTER REPORTS



Northern Illinois Chapter

Our most recent chapter meeting took place on Saturday September 23rd. Minutes for August were approved with minor corrections and the treasurer's report was approved. Discussion took place regarding participation and sponsorship of the state seminar. Concerns were raised with another chapter heavily promoting their events on our Facebook page. Our FB administrators were advised to limit those postings to one per week. The chapter approved a \$100 donation as a sustaining member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Volunteers were scheduled for Walneck's Swap meet coming up on October 15th. The chapter Christmas party will tentatively take place on Sunday December 17th pending approval of Jeanne Doyle. Thanks to Sean who has created a flyer for the Chili Cook-off on Saturday February 24, 2024. Look for it in your email and on social media. It will be sent to Sonya Link for publication in the state online newsletters and to Chris Hansen for PR releases online.

As our chapter president and NE Region Coordinator, Rich will attend the regional meeting on Sunday September 24th at Lucky Monk Brewery and promote our Chili Cook-off. Further he is to attend a fundraiser for State Senator Glowiak at Elmhurst Brewing on October 3rd to promote our issues.

Upcoming Chapter Events:

November Meeting- Saturday 11/25, 11 AM, Doyle's Pub
 Christmas Party/Chapter Meeting- Sunday 12/17, 1-4 PM, Doyle's Pub

Chili Cook-off, Saturday February 24, 2024, 6-10 PM, Wauconda American Legion

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Will County Chapter

Thank you to everyone that attended our October membership meeting, we

had a great turnout with several new faces! Please be sure to share details about A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and the Will County Chapter with everyone you know that rides motorcycles and/or participates in any off-road or ATV activities. We need to increase our membership volume. Our voice is so much more powerful in numbers. The work we do in Springfield is essential to the future of motorcycles and offroad vehicles/ATVs in the state of Illinois, and the larger our membership, the greater impact we have on legislation in the state capitol.

REMINDER: Mark your calendars now for the Book Run party, Saturday November 4th, 2023, from 6-11p at Stone City V.F.W Post 2199. We will have food, door prizes, and entertainment by Rock Productions. Again, at the November membership meeting, we will be taking nominations for the Will County Chapter board member elections happening in December- we absolutely need our members to get involved and take on these positions (1 year term). Also, if anyone is interested in supporting the Safety and Education program, please reach out via email or at the monthly membership meetings- this is important work!

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Upcoming Will County ABATE Chapter Events-

November 8th, & December 13th @ 7:30pm- monthly meeting, Stone City V.F.W Post 2199.
 November 4th- Book Run Party
 November Membership Meeting- Board Member Nominations Accepted
 December- Board Member Elections
 January 19-20th- State Seminar, registration is open now at ABATE-il.org/theseinar, for hotel reservations, call the Northfield Inn, #217-523-7900
 Follow us on Facebook- Will County Chapter, ABATE of Illinois & Will County ABATE Members and Friends for up-to-date information and event details.
 -As always, ride safe and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

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Hello from the DuKane Chapter!

November is here and that means the 37th Annual DuKane ABATE Toy and Food Run has passed.

And what a toy run it was! The morning started at Knuckleheads Tavern in Elburn, IL with a great breakfast from Rise N' Dine and music rocking by the Cave Dwellers with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the DuKane ABATE Santa Girls in attendance. The Elburn Fire Department proudly flied the HUGE American Flag from their ladder truck. It was great to have 98.3 WCCQ on-site with Bossman doing a live remote to spread the word about DuKane ABATE and the event. And Tracy Grzenia sang the National Anthem before



our departure. We were then escorted out of town by the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Elburn Police Department and went on a 40-minute back roads ride through the country escorted and blocked by the Kane County Sheriff's Department and Kane County Emergency Management. The Sycamore Speedway was the ending point with a fantastic after party! Dennis Lexa kicked off the event with the singing of our National Anthem accompanied by our Veteran Flag Line. Mock Star killed it on stage with their Hair Bands tunes,

there were a ton of great vendors like the MRF, BACA, and more. We had a great showing from politicians with visits from Wayne Township Supervisor & DuKane ABATE Vice President Randy Ramey, Elburn Mayor Jeff Walter, State Representative



Diane Blair-Sherlock, State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro, Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser, State Senator Don DeWitte, State Representative Jeff Keicher, Kane County Coroner Rob Russell, and more. Leslie Harris and 95.9 The River were on-site for this event and it was great to see them. The burnout competition was off the charts with the winner's motorcycle getting so hot it went up in flames. Bikers rode the mechanical bull and enjoyed axe throwing the whole day. There were so many great sponsors for this event like Law Tigers, Cassandra Bajak Group, Amy Nelson Homes, Hazen Insurance, Terry's Lawn Service, Valley Fire Protection, Knuckleheads Tavern, Hupy & Abraham, West Chicago Voice, Midwest Best DJs, State Senator Don DeWitte, State Senator Cristina Castro, State Senator Karina Villa, Wayne Township Supervisor Randy Ramey, and so many more! Congratulations goes out to Hazen Insurance for winning the coveted trophy for most toy donations and State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro for winning the coveted trophy for most food donations! I want to thank the DuKane ABATE BOD and all the volunteers who gave their time to make this event a possibility. It was all worth it at the end to see 2 Flat Bed Semi Trailers from ILoca filled with toy and food donations. Thank you to the Village of Elburn and the Village of Maple Park for opening their communities to us. Thank you to the DuKane ABATE Santa Girls for their hard work. Thank you to the Kane County Sheriff's Department, Kane County Emergency Management, and the Elburn Police Department for making sure we all got there safely. Thank you to Knuckleheads Tavern and the Sycamore Speedway for being gracious hosts! It was an amazing day, and we look forward to doing it again for kids next year.



call to action went out to the DuKane ABATE Chapter regarding the death of motorcyclist John Jones who was hit head on in Geneva on Route 38. The DuKane Chapter kept up on this case, including FOIA requesting the police report, only to find out that no charges were filed against Ricardo Rivera – the man that killed John. The call to action went out to flood the Kane

County State's Attorney Office with calls demanding that justice be served. We don't want to see another brother's death with no consequences. State's Attorney Jamie Mosser heard us and has opened an investigation into this case to see why charges were not filed and will make a decision on whether or not that will stick. We will keep you posted on the results, but I'm damn proud of this chapter for letting our voices be heard.

Make sure to join us on November 21st for our next DuKane ABATE Monthly Membership Meeting at the West Chicago American Legion Post #300 at 7:30 SHARP. We will have a turkey raffle and take the second round of nominations for open positions on the DuKane BOD. These meetings are incredibly important to attend as you will hear reports from all DuKane BOD Officers, and you will keep up to date on what is happening with motorcyclists' rights in DuPage and Kane County in 2023.

I hope that you all have a Blessed Thanksgiving with family, friends, and wind therapy!

Until next month,

Ride Safe – Ride Free

Chris Hansen

DuKane Chapter of ABATE of Illinois President

630-618-7551

chrishdguy@gmail.com



South Suburban Chapter

In Loving Memory of Esther Cruz

born February 18, 1929;

at rest Wednesday August 30, 2023

We humbly acknowledge a sad life's event by expressing our deepest condolences to Daisy Pérez, our Chapter President. Her mother, Esther Cruz, passed on at the tender age of 94 years young. She was a very special "Mom" to many. Her motto was to be strong, be true to yourself, and not back down in the face of adversity.

Hello South Suburban ABATE

Happy Fall Season to all of you!!! We hope you all had a great summer. As a chapter, we enjoyed some great times at several events.

Your chapter partnered with The American Legion Post 1160 a.k.a. Glenn Maker at their Halloween Bash for adults on Friday, October 27, 2023. Check our website and look for a post in Facebook (FB) to experience a bit of what went on.

Feel free to share your pictures from this event on our FB page as I know we could all use a few more laughs.

Toys for Tots (TfT) kick-off party...

Our members attended the TFT Kick-off party on the 30th of September in Countryside, Illinois in support of the motto "Every Child Deserves a Toy for Christmas." The Whiskey Road band donated their time playing some awesome music. Nobody wanted to leave as this shot of Whiskey captivated the audience into several encores.

Many of our South Suburban Chapter members are involved in TfT. We could use more member support. We Need You!

Come to our next chapter meeting on Thursday, October 19. Check our FB page, website, and your e-mail for chapter updates and stay current on events/meetings. If you live under a rock and do not use e-mails, Internet, or FB, we're asking for any suggestions on how to reach out to you? LOL Ha Ha

Fun in the Sun!!

Kersting's Cycle Center event in Winemac, Indiana put on a great show. This was a very entertaining and exciting event.



Chapter elections: Sunday, November 12th.

*Nick Savas
Activities Coordinator and Public Relations
708-442-0766 (no text capabilities)*



Chicago Chapter

Greetings from the Windy City,

Wow so sad to see Summer go away & here's comes Mr. Fall! We still have some riding days ahead of us. So take advantage & gear up & bundle up!

Chicago ABATE has been meeting regularly at the Jolly Inn Restaurant in Chicago. We are trying out a new location named the Social Junkie located at 3848 N Harlem Ave, Chicago, IL 60634. This location was actually an old meeting spot of ours until it closed. So, once they reopened, we decided to revisit the new owners.



On Saturday September 23rd our Safety & Education Coordinator Ivan "Cookie" Lugo & his wife Joy attended the Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association. The seminar took place at Kennedy High School in Chicago. There were over 100 attendees & we conducted 3 presentations. We were able to generate many leads for presentations at various High Schools throughout the Chicagoland area. It was a great day for Illinois ABATE & for our chapter as well. The event was a great success & we look forward to connecting with all the educators we made contact with.



Starting Monday Oct 2nd @ 6:30pm guess who's back on the AIR? You got that right Chicago ABATE will be live once again on CAN-TV. Join PJ, Cookie, Rick, Joy & Oscar along with an array of guests as we discuss what's going on in the motorcycling community & in the world of Illinois ABATE.

You can stream us on:

<https://cantvmembers.cantv.org/watch-now/>

Host's Cookie & PJ



Top Producer Oscar



Chicago ABATE will be planning a Chapter bowling event so stay tuned for more information. We will also be hosting Chicago A.B.A.T.E.'S 36th Annual Chili & Jalapeno Eating Contest on Saturday February 10th, 2024. The location will be at the River Park Moose Lodge 8601 Fullerton Ave, River Grove, IL.

If you find your self in the 2nd Second on a 3rd Wednesday of the month, why not come check us out at our monthly meeting.

Keep the Shiny Side Up!

Joy Lugo

Chicago A.B.A.T.E Newsletter Coordinator



NORTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Open
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Chapter

OPEN ROADS ABATE

Fall is definitely upon us with cooler, crisper air with the hint of excitement for the coming holidays. Be alert as you ride during this harvest time for deer, wet leaves on the pavement, farm equipment on the roadways, and loose gravel. This is actually my favorite time of year with the changing of the leaves, the weather, reminding me of the many blessings I have, decorations, and the busyness of the season. There are Christmas parties, chili cook offs, pool tournaments, state seminar, membership drives, and other events that will keep you going during the snowy and colder months.

Our Road Captain rep is Diana Rebechini who has been doing a superb job coordinating rides, visiting other chapters, and dinner rides for us. She contacts places to make sure of their hours and lets them know we will be coming to visit. She keeps up to date on all of our events and participates with most of them. Thank you, Diana, for all you do.

Summer Book 2023 – the best summer for rides, the most sales, more business for our stops, and a portion of the proceeds to Safety and Ed/State PAC. It was a win-win for everyone. Summer Book 2024 is being worked on by the committee at this very moment.

LaSalle, Putnam, & Bureau County Toy Run – 11 members met at Plano Legion on October 1, rode to Shaker's in Ottawa for lunch, rode to Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley to register for toy run, go for a ride, and met at Spring Valley Boat Club for food, music, raffles, and 50/50.

Hosted Business After Hours – Thursday, October 5, at Plano Legion sponsored by the Plano Area Chamber of Commerce. This was an opportunity for us to promote Open Roads ABATE to our community. Participating members included Bruce Littlebrant, Bill & Sally Kolb, Bob & Cherie Mauer, Kevin & Patti Smith, Cliff & Linda Oleson.

Plano High School Homecoming Parade – Rosan Acosta and Cliff Oleson lined up with other parade participants at Plano High School for 2 mile parade route and threw out candy for the kiddos.

Summer Book Post Party – Saturday, October 7, Plano American Legion. If you bought our book,

you got a free meal and a raffle ticket for prizes donated by our stops in the book. If you had 46 regular stops and at least one bonus stop, you had a chance at the cash which was \$1800 this year. Marble game was won by Laura Drallmeier and 50/50 was won by Nickie Warmac. Cash prize winners: First place for \$800 was Nickie Warmac, second place for \$600 was Tracey Supan, and third place for \$400 was Jeff Walters. 15 people got all the stamps and were presented a patch – Frank Lorang, Cliff Oleson, Fred Chaffer, Mitch Busch, Diana Rebechini, Keith Stengler, Phil Lane, Steve Gilbreth, John & Bonnie Pakenham, Mary Jo & Craig Cuchra, Frank & Joni Beierlotzer, and Tracey Supan. Congratulations to all.

We are already planning our **2024 Open Roads Summer Book**. If you have suggestions of new places to go, please let us know. We change our book every year by taking 8 to 10 stops out, adding 8 to 10 new ones, giving new places chances to be in our book, and to keep it interesting to you – the riders.

DuKane ABATE Toy & Food Run – October 8, breakfast at Exquisite Skillet in Plano, rode to Knuckleheads in Elburn and joined with other motorcycles for a ride to Sycamore Speedway. Donated unwrapped new toys and foods, visited vendors, watched bike games, listened to music. Dave Curran, Brent Martin, Bruce Littlebrant, Mitch Busch, Cliff and Linda Oleson participated in ride and had a great time.

Dinner ride to Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight on October 14, met at Plano Legion and rode to Cherry Red Roasters to enjoy lunch. Great food and camaraderie with Diana Rebechini, Kevin & Patti Smith, Bob & Cherie Mauer, Cliff Oleson, Rosan Acosta, and Mike Fagan.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Meeting – Our October meeting was on Saturday, October 28, at Plano American Legion. The first round of nominations for officers took place at the August meeting and second round took place at our October meeting. The following members were nominated at our August meeting:

President – Cliff Oleson, Vice-President – Brian Smith, Secretary – Patti Smith, Treasurer – Sally Kolb, Membership – Bill Kolb, Legislative – Sam Mataya, Products – Sharyl & Sam Mataya, Safety &

Ed – Lynn Hoffman, Activities – Kevin Smith, Road Captain – Diana Rebechini, Court Jester – Tracey Supan, BOD Rep – Brian Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms – Sam Mataya, and Public Relations – Linda Oleson. Additional nominations may have been made at October meeting followed by election of officers. Many thanks to the officers who served this past year with their time, support, and enthusiasm for this awesome organization by trying to meet the needs of our members, keeping up with current legislature, sharing the latest safety rules with others, keeping ourselves educated, new ways of promoting our products, working at activities good for our chapter and ABATE of Illinois, networking with other chapters and our elected officials, and making sure we are represented each month at the board of directors meeting and making our voices heard..

Trunk or Treat – was October 29 at the Plano Methodist Church. Members handed out candy from their bikes to 400 children.

Fall Train Fun Run – November 18, meet at Aurora Train Station on Broadway Street in Aurora by 9:45 am, train leaves at 10:20 am sharp, ride to 3 stops, shirts & cozies, get in on the games, train ticket is \$7 and game ticket is \$5.

2024 Calendars – on sale for \$10. Holidays, events, State and National dates, pics of various activities, and thanks to our many sponsors.

Upcoming events include Feed My Starving Children, elections for officers, holiday events, Christmas Party, and more. Come to a meeting, event, check out our Facebook page or call Cliff (630) 552-3828 or Patti (815) 498-6025 if you have questions, events, updates, or suggestions. Be safe...Ride Safe.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. Always be thankful for all we have especially Faith, Family, Friends.

Submitted by Linda Oleson, Publicity



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Do you want your chapter events posted on the state social media and website?

Email Teri Smith
• secretary@abate-il.org

Email Chris Hansen
• PR@abate-il.org



Pictures:
Open Roads
ABATE members at Blue Col-
lar Bikes for the
LaSalle/Putnam/
Bureau Counties
Toy Run – Cliff
Oleson, Bill &

Sally Kolb, Brent Martin, Bruce Littlebrant, Tim Castanedo, Kevin & Patti Smith, Rosan Acosta.

Summer Book participants who got all 62 stamps – Craig & Mary Jo Cuchra, Keith Stengler, Fred Chaffer, Mitch Busch, Tracey Supan, Frank Lorang, Diana Rebechini, Cliff Oleson, Joni & Frank Beierlotzer, Steve Gilbreth, Bonnie & John Pakenham. Not pictured Phil Lane.



Summer Book cash prize winners included Tracey Supan (2nd place for \$600) and Nickie Warmac (1st place

for \$800) with Cliff Oleson, Sharyl Mataya, and Kevin Smith. Not pictured Jeff Walters (3rd place for \$400).

October 14 dinner run to Cherry Red Roasters in Dwight was good food and company – Bob & Cherie Mauer, Cliff Oleson, Diana Rebechini, Rosan Acosta, Mike Fagan, Kevin & Patti Smith.





Twin Rivers Chapter

Fall has definitely arrived in our region. Be sure to watch our for deer on your autumn journeys. And listen to the Sterling and Dixon radio stations. Some of our members have done some fall PSA spots.

I don't have a lot to say about anything, but have a nice jumble of items this month. So here goes: Our October meeting was on the 22nd at the Black Rose Saloon in Princeton. We will continue with our nominations for the election in December. So far it looks like most of this year's officers will run again. Fortunately we are not at all like the US House of Reps! Hopefully by the time this is published the House will become more stable. Speaking of officers, our president John had surgery recently and has recovered quickly. I finally finished my physical therapy and am happy to say it went quite well. Our Queen of Hearts raffle got off to a rather slow start, but is down to 3 cards as of today (Oct 13) and there is a nice sized amount in it. Hopefully our members have been supporting it

and Nick's Tap which has let us use their place to hold it. They have also added food at night for us. So when you stop in be sure to thank the owner and the bar tenders for all their help with our fundraiser. Our big fundraiser will be our **16th Annual Swap Meet** at the Elks Lodge in Dixon on February 25th. We will need help early, early in the morning to help set up as there is an event the night before. So mark your calendars and clean out your garage now and reserve a space. We usually sell all our spots pretty quickly.

Our December meeting will be at my garage on the 17th. Eat at noon, so stop in anytime after 11 am. I will have B-B-Q pork for sandwiches and provide plates and silverware. Please bring a dish to pass of your choice and your own drinks. Meeting will be at 1:00. Garage is heated!

Kat



Freeport Chapter

It certainly looks like fall is here, but being the eternal optimist I still hope for a few more days of riding weather. I'm hoping our Costume Cruise went well on October 28. It depends which weather report you listen to as to what the weather will be.

In a public service announcement from Roger Larson he urged all the Men of ABATE go get checked out for prostate cancer. The end of October marks 25 years since he was diagnosed with it and had surgery. He had no symptoms and it was found through a work physical. Early detection is the key to a cure. I, for one, am really glad to have Roger around in the Chapter the last 25 years.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, so ladies, don't forget to take care of the girls, too.

We want to send HUGE Get Well Hugs and Prayers to Angie Poage. She dumped her bike in her driveway and got trapped under it. She received a debilitating burn on her foot. She has posted a few pictures on Facebook, and it is a very nasty looking burn with a lot of nerve pain. If you know Angie give her a shout out on Facebook, or send her a text.

Beth Buiser has been appointed to fill the remaining term of Webmaster. Chris Zimmerman resigned the position. She is learning the ropes, so give her some time to learn the system. Go to www.freeportchapterabate-il.com to see the website

We held our Bark at the Moon Run on September 28. It was a really nice Fall day and we had 17 riders. Tim Winquist won 1st place, Roger Larson won 2nd place, and Coleen Pfile won 3rd place. We also signed up 1 new member who got to ride the run for free.

October was the end of the "Mann-iac" Summer Tour. We drew our cards at the October meeting and Roger Larson won 1st place. He was the only rider to make all 24 stops. Derik Earlenbaugh won 2nd, and Diane Paulsen won 3rd. Congratulations to all the winners. If you have any ideas for stops for next year please get them to me so we can include them.

We have one Burger Run left this year on 11/11/23. It is to the Wayside Inn in Freeport. Meet @ 6pm and have fun. They will resume in January after all the holiday festivities are over.

Our Chapter also voted to move the January meeting to January 14th, 2024 because the State Seminar falls on our meeting day. It will still be at the Freeport Eagle's Club. Katie reported that she has talked to the manager of Riviera Park and we are all set for our summer meetings at the park starting in May.

We will be having our Chapter Christmas party after our December Chapter meeting at Big O's on December 17, 2023. The date on the early flyers is wrong and is being changed. There will be a potluck dinner. Bring your best dish to pass. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting so everyone doesn't bring the same thing, but if you don't signup just bring your best dish. We will also be having a bake sale, a 50/50 drawing, and our world famous "White Elephant Gift Exchange". All Chapter members, and their guests are welcome, and encouraged to come and have a day of celebration.

Cleaver attended the "Meeting of the Minds" in Pennsylvania in September. He won several awards for all his hard work as our Illinois MRF representative. Thank you, Cleaver, and CONGRATULATIONS. He commented that it was a very wet ride home.

The Chapter has voted to do a few more gun raffles. We will be selling 150 tickets for a Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro OSP gear up package 9mm with a 3.70 barrel, 15+1 capacity, overall black finish, serrated/optic slide and adaptive textured polymer grip. Includes 5 magazines and a range bag. We will hold the drawing as soon as all the tickets are sold. If you want a ticket get with Beth to get them. They go fast.

Safe Travels.

Becky



Starved
Rock
Chapter

*****2023 meetings begin at 12:30***
Have you thought about how you can get more involved with preserving/protecting your rights as a motorcyclist or off road rider?? Nominations for officers are happening now! Any member is welcome to run for any position in the chapter. Volunteer for a position or have someone nominate you. Previous officers will help guide you in your duties if you have questions. If you truly care about your rights...we need you as an officer!**

What Starved Rock Chapter has been up to:

Sunday October 1st was the Tri-County Toy Run. It started at Blue Collar Bikes in Spring Valley and ended at the Spring Valley Boat Club. It was a beautiful day and there were a large number of participants! Hopefully this will help make Christmas special for many families. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success!

Saturday October 7th was The Firemen's Car Show in Utica. We had a membership booth and sold State Bike Raffle Tickets. Thanks to Bob G. and Shane B. for helping with the booth.

Sunday October 8th we were at the Burgoo Festival in Utica. Starved Rock Chapter member State Senator Sue Rezin stopped by and talked with us. She also bought State Bike Raffle Tickets! Thanks to Bob G and Shane B and Peggy M for helping throughout the long day! This is the last year that we will have a booth at Burgoo in Utica.

*The meeting for October was after the deadline for the Newsletter so I will report on it next month.

Meeting Sunday October 15th at Softails in Ladd. *

Upcoming Starved Rock Chapter Events:

Utica Veterans Parade Sunday November 5th. Lineup at noon at the carwash. Riders must be respectful and proceed in a safe manner down the parade route.

Meeting Sunday November 12th at the Kangley Inn in Kangley. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Kangley Inn is owned by Starved Rock Chapter members Sally and Gary Boyd! This will be the second round of nominations for officers for 2024.

Meeting Sunday December 3rd At Jamie's Outpost in Utica. The meeting will begin at 12:30. The kitchen will be open. Jamie's is owned by Starved Rock ABATE members Jamie and Tracy Mix. The election of officers will be held at this meeting.

For Starved Rock Chapter clothing and other items: Check out this site. <http://Allpointsprinting.company.site> Scroll down and you will see the Starved Rock ABATE logo. Click on the logo and check out what you can order directly! You may also place orders with products officer Tom Brown as well.

You may follow Starved Rock ABATE on Facebook!

Nora Kleckner-Starved Rock Chapter Newsletter Officer



Thunder
Rock
Chapter

Riding season is coming to an end, hope everyone had a good riding season, making new friends, and new memories to hold onto.

The end of the season also means time again for Nominations and Voting for officers for our chapter, each one of these positions is very vital to our Chapter. December meeting will be the time to vote, please, if possible, attend our December meeting to vote for the candidate you would like to see as officers

for upcoming year. Always keep in mind, it isn't the officer's chapter, it is each AND every member's chapter.

Recap on some of events throughout the year that Thunder Rock host or members attended.

State seminar, which was held Springfield IL, some of our members did attend. Seminar is a time for education on A.B.A.T.E, A time to meet other members of A.B.A.T.E

throughout Illinois. Food, drinks, and socializing... Watch the web site for details for the upcoming Seminar, if you have the chance to attend, do so.

Northwest Chili cook-off. Two of our own placed. Joan Bradford got 1st place in Hot Category and Charlie Franks 3rd place in Mild Category.

Thunder Rock host for the first time this year, SKY DIVE BINGO, which was a success. A hundred tickets were sold for \$20 each, and the winner took home \$1,000. We are looking forward to do it again this upcoming year.

We had the Teddy Bear run, which was another success, stuff animals are gathered throughout the year and given to the police department to use when children are in need for little comfort.

The state host the annual state party was in June, was in Petersburg Il, we did have 7 members that attended this year, it was very hot, but we still had fun...

Thunder Rock Family picnic was in September at Weld Memorial Park, was a good time, thank you to all that attended, and hope to see you all next year as well.

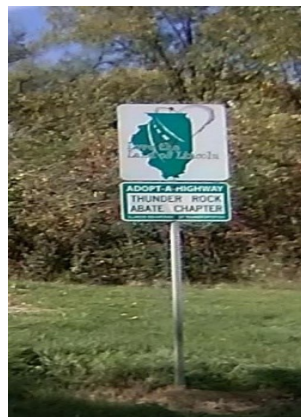
Thunder Rock had their Fall Road clean up in October, thanks to all that help keep our roads clean. Few hours out of you day to help keep Our Roads clean, not only help keeping our roads clean, but a nice feeling knowing you were part of keeping America Beautiful. I will say Fall cleanup was not as bad as Spring clean up was.

Kegels Trunk n treat will be Oct 21st, details and pictures to follow in next months newsletter.

Our Christmas party and time to Vote will be December 3rd, please watch our Facebook events for more information.

The member drawing in October was Jack Beck, he was not present, and his name was put back into the drawing. A reminder, at each meeting a name is drawn for one year membership paid **for by our chapter, however you must be present to qualified and an active member.**

Reminder view our Facebook page for and upcoming



events or changes.

Thunder Rock Chapter



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EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Liberty Chapter

Hello Liberty! Here we are, November already, where did the year go? It seems like we were just enjoying the summer and all the great riding weather, and now its almost Thanksgiving time. Well one thing we have to be thankful for is all the good work put in by the volunteers who step up to help run YOUR chapter. Yes, it is that time of year where we elect new officers for the year 2024. How about you? Are you ready to help out? Everyone can help in some capacity, for instance we are now planning

our Anniversary party, how about lend a hand for our main fundraising event of the year?

Help is needed in selling our raffle tickets, our t shirts, or food service, or just taking money at the door. Many hands make light the work, as the saying goes, so how about helping out? Liberty chapters 38th anniversary party will be held on February 17, 2024 at the Mattoon Moose. Music will be provided by Whiskey Weekend. More details will be forthcoming as we near the event.

We had good attendance at our October meeting at the Moose, where the latest happenings in the world of motorcycle rights were gone over, as well as event planning for upcoming events. One of the main stays of Liberty chapter has been for many decades the annual making and distribution of fruit baskets to the local senior centers. Traditionally held at Carey Paxton's studio, as we are somewhat limited on funding this year, our funds for this were went through last year and for various reasons not replenished. So to keep the tradition going we will need some help with donations of money or fruit for our efforts. Please come by our next meeting at the Moose on November 12 for final event planning.

Upcoming events---

October 29, Swap meet at the fairgrounds, Urbana,

starts at 8 am

November 12, monthly meeting at the Mattoon Moose, 1:30

December 17, fruit basket assembly at Paxton's Perfect Image studio, Noon. Watch for updates, as this event is still being planned.

February 17, 2024 Anniversary party at the Mattoon Moose, 5 pm. The band is Whiskey Weekend.

Our mailing address is PO box 1502, Mattoon IL, To join or renew, you can send a check if you are old school, or renew online at abate-il.org. Still only \$25.00.

Joel W



STATELINE RIDERS

Well good Friday October 13th, Hey all State Line Riders just want to give you an update on some of the things that are going on we had our meeting on October 7th 2023 at The Silo Pub went very well we also had fill the saddlebags that morning from 9:00 till 11:30 saw a lot of people we also discussed our officers for our 2024 year and as we discussed Tim S will be the President, Sonia B will be Secretary and Legislator, Lisa U will be the Newsletter Coordinator, Kelly T will be in charge of Products, Amy C treasure and membership, Vance T activity director, Crystal S will be public relations. Won't be long until snow starts flying to all of those who are State Line Rider members if you are needing your membership renewed

see one of the State Line Riders officers, So coming up on Friday November 4th we will be having a SLR Meeting at 2pm at the Pump in Hoopeston Illinois & Following the meeting will be Our State Line Riders kids Christmas auction at 5:00 p.m . Getting back to November on the 24th from 5:00 to 9:00 we will be participating in the Watseka Wonderland parade we will get more details as they come we will also be participating in the Milford parade which will be November 26th at 2:00 p.m. we look forward to these days coming up spending time and trying to get things done for the end of the year festivities for the kids and having presents for them in December. Also would like to remind the State Line Riders we will be discussing where an when Our Christmas Party and Monthly meeting will be. Every-

WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER REPORTS



Central Illinois Chapter

We will have our 42nd Annual Polar Bear Toy Run on Nov 4, 2023, sign up from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Harley's Pub in Galesburg, IL. The chapter looks forward to helping the kids have a better Christmas with all the toys we can collect and distribute. We are having a float in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 5 at 2 p.m. We will be having our Appreciation Dinner on Dec 9th

at 6 pm at Harley's Pub, letting members know how much we appreciate all the time and help they provide during the year with all the activities. We are working on the 2023 calendar of events. Please be careful out on the roads and enjoy the riding season we have left for this year.

Jill Randall



Peo-Taz Chapter

Some helpful information for getting your bike ready for winter storage.

and sediments. It might not run at all if bearings have been corroded or damaged.

Freshen up those fluids. That means all of them: motor oil, clutch, brake, and coolant.

Get a battery Tender.

The reason changing fluids regularly is essential is because they contain contaminants from regular usage, which become corrosive over time and can destroy rubber seals. In addition, the DOT4 brake fluid absorbs water and needs to be changed every two years.

How to store motorcycle batter for winter? Some riders recommend starting their bike every week during the winter and letting it run.

Change the oil.

A much better solution, however, is to clean the battery electrodes and hook them up to a battery tender (or trickle charger) for the entire duration of the winter. Not only should you use a battery tender during the winter, but one should be used all the time to help prolong battery life.

The last thing you want is your motorcycle sitting idle all winter, filled to the brim with oil that's contaminated with solvents

It'll help extend the longevity of the battery. Harley-Davidson

tenders start at \$39 and go up to \$129.

Buy a FOB battery to have at the ready

While we are on the subject of batteries, if your bike won't start in the spring. It may be because you need to replace your FOB battery.

There's nothing you can do about it, but your FOB battery is going to attempt to communicate with your bike all winter long. By the time spring rolls around, you'll invariably need to replace it.

Check your tires.

How long do bike tires last in storage? This largely depends on the respective tire wear going into storage and how the bike is stored.

Check their inflation with a tire gauge. If you elect not to use a lift, move the motorcycle at least once a month to prevent flat spots on the tires.

Inspect the Belt Drive

Belt drives tend to be cleaner than chain drives and require minimal inspection and adjustment. Before putting your bike away for the winter, inspect both the inside and outside of the

belt, and looks for chips, cuts, fraying, or missing teeth.

Prep the exhaust pipe.

You'll want to stuff any openings in your bike so that creatures don't make their homes in them. This is especially important if you're keeping your bike outside of or in a barn.

Just remember to remove these items before your next ride.

Store on center-stand and/or stands if possible.

If your bike has a center-stand, use it. But even better would be to get a motorcycle stand to keep both wheels off the ground. This way, you don't have to rotate the wheels to avoid flat spots. This motorcycle storage lift also prevents the suspension from working overtime and extends the suspension's lifespan.

After you have a clean bike ready for storage don't forget to cover it. Hopefully this will help some of you that are wondering about getting that motorcycle ready for the cold winter months ahead.

Store in a well-ventilated area

Stay safe if you do ride in the winter and most of all have fun!

Randy Pugh



Lincoln Land Chapter

October went fast. So much planning and preparation is happening for future events and to

ensure a strong start to the next year for Lincoln Land. Rudedog and I visited the Leathernecks MC clubhouse to foster relationships and build a cohesive partnership for the future. We plan to meet with two more MCs by the end of October. The toy run went well and we were able to give Catholic Charities a great start to their giving season. Thank you to all that came out to support the community and helped Lincoln Land have another successful event. We are all important to the roll Abate plays in the community and in fighting for our rights to ensure everyone's safety.

By now the first round of nominations has already taken place. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to run for an office. If you are still wanting to step up to a position, please come to the November meeting or write a letter of intent and send or email it in so your name can be added to the

ballot. The mail will be check on the day of the meeting to ensure all letters of intent are collected.

Send to: Lincoln Land Abate
PO Box 5774
Springfield, Il. 62705-5774
Email: 217abateneews@gmail.com

Those who signed up for the Chapter Christmas Party on December 15, 2023 at Poe's on the Hill. We are requesting ABATE event or other motorcycle related photos to create a fun slideshow for the event. Please share photos to a thumb drive and get them to Rudedog or email to chapter email: 217abateneews@gmail.com subject line "Photos for party" so we can enjoy our year of fun throughout the evening festivities.

Sandy Cantrall
217-891-3057

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER REPORTS



Piasa Gateway Chapter

Hello Piasa Members, here is an update on chapter happenings the last two meetings we have held elections! So, at the November we will elect new officers I would like to see as many new members there as possible! The chapter has been holding monthly lunch are dinner rides the latest [was](#) to Kretzer's Bar and Grill in Hoyleton we had 20 riders attend the lunch ride and enjoy the sea food Kretzer's is famous for. The next ride will be to the Shoal Creek Bar and Grill in Millersburg this used to be a gas station but with a new owner he has remodeled the place and with the date for the ride is

November 12 meet at the QT in Bethalto at 11am and then kickstands up at 11:30 if the weather is bad, I hope to see you there. One more thing for you at the December meeting we will have a small Christmas party at 5:30 before the meeting starts so bring a dish and let's have some Christmas cheer! Last but not least we made decisions on next year's events and one of them is to bring back the chapter Christmas party!

Aloha Skinny



St. Clair
County
Chapter

Our October meeting was held at TR's Place in Belleville on the 12th.

We had a surprise guest halfway through the meeting when State Representative Kevin Schmidt showed up. Keven lives a few miles down the road and saw our post on Facebook. He was out collecting signatures for his ballot petition, so he stopped by. We gave him the floor and he spoke about the 144th legislative district boundaries and how he decides to vote on bills. He stuck around for a while after the meeting

and had lots of good conversations with our members. We had 22 members and guests present. Our meeting was pretty routine with a motion on money donated to the state for the seminar sponsors and another on the gun raffle. Whoever sells the most raffle tickets in the chapter will either receive a two-year single membership or a one-year couple. That's it for now and I will have a more detailed article next month after the chapter elections.

Mike Gallagher



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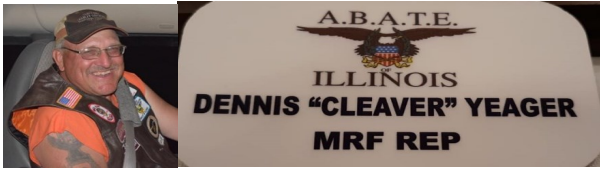
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- Annual Individual Membership \$35
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Please note the updated membership applications, and disregard the older one, trash them if you will, thanks. Let me know if you need any of the newer memberships applications. Thanks to everyone that has been keeping their membership up to date, and to you new members too!

The next Motorcycle Riders Fountation Meeting of the Minds will be in St. Louis MO, (2024) and the following year in Shreveport LA. (2025) More details to come.

Many, many different things are coming after are motorcycleing life style. Will it happen in one day, one week, one year? It's going to happen before you know it, or a blink of an eye. *"You don't know what you got, until its gone. Then its to late."*

If you are not a member of your local SMRO, ABATE, MRF. You should become a member now. If you are a member please keep you membership up to date. www.mrf.org www.abate-il.org





Automatic Renewal Memberships Now Available

The MRF is now offering Automatic Renewal of membership to its members! This is an exciting option with advantages for the member, the MRF and to the recruiting representative. Because of the way Automatic Renewal works, it is only available for Annual Individual or Joint Memberships. It is not available for 3-Year or 6-Year Memberships, nor memberships for any type of organization or club.

The advantage of Automatic Renewal for a member is that they will no longer need worry about when renewal is due or who to contact about renewing their MRF membership. For the MRF, there will be less chance for loss of members when renewals are forgotten or overlooked and for the representatives, there will be less tracking of who forgot to renew, and it becomes an automatic renewal credit for the referring representative.

How to select Automatic Renewal Memberships

When using the printed application forms, they will be filled out the same way as before with only the following changes:

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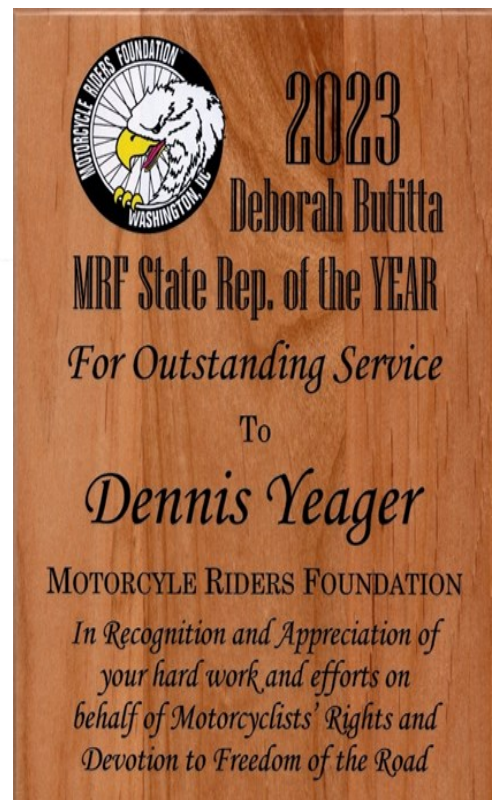
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- Individual Membership will choose Individual Membership (Auto-Renew)
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BUT... If you have a Sustaining Individual Annual Membership with two (2) names on it, you will now choose:

- Sustaining Joint Annual Membership (Auto-Renew)

We hope this will make everything simpler and more convenient for everyone.



Top 10 at 5th, with only 18 new members. Last year I had 109 new members, I kind of dropped the ball here some. I'll need to work harder this next year.



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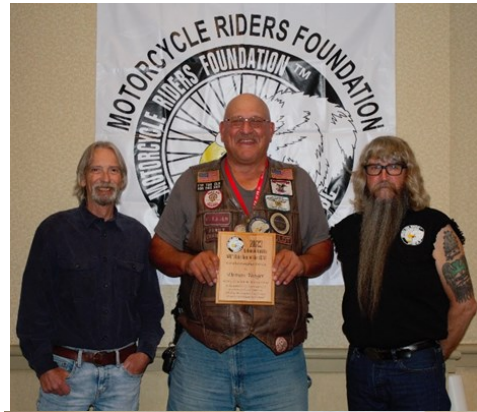
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Mark Buckner, Dennis "Clever" Yeager, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard with the State Rep, of the year award.

Dennis "Clever" Yeager with the Top Renewal Member Recruiter Award. ("172") Along with the other top 10 recruiter's.

I was asked if I would take a few pictures and I did. Joy Mack took most of the pictures, and she has a copy of all that I took with my camera.

("Side note: Thanks to Mark Buckner, and Fredric Harrell for asking me, and the rest is history as they say.")

Top 10 By Points

Rank	First	Last	State	New	Renew	Total Pts
1	DENNIS	YEAGER	IL	18	172	190
2	JENNIFER	ABRAHAM	WI	36	80	116
3	CHRISTINE	GUNDERSON	IA	10	78	88
4	ANDY	KELLY	PA	18	65	83
5	ERIC	ROSS	IA	11	64	75
6	ART	RYAN	OK	34	30	64
7	CATHY	DIAL	WI	25	33	58
8	CHAPPY	CARVER	CA	49	0	49
9	TOM	RAHN	MI	8	40	48
10	TODD	RIBA	MN	7	29	36

Top 10 By New Members

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8	TAMMY	RAILSBACK	KS	12	3	15
8	SHERRY	HILL	OH	12	2	14
10	ERIC	ROSS	IA	11	64	75

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10	JEFF	BEATTIE	MN	6	28	34



Bob "Mouse" Ellinger with Illinois Certificate for are tireless efforts in fighting for motorcyclist rights. Dennis "Clever" Yeager, Gail & Ryan Hubbard, Paulette Korte, with the Freedom Fighter Award for Jim "Legs" Korte, and her Lifetime Achievement Award, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.





BMW Issues Stop Sale Notice

Just yesterday, BMW directed its North American dealers to stop the sale of all new and used motorcycles. The directive only effects motorcycles using internal combustion engines. BMW electric motorcycles are not impacted by the order.

BMW stated that, *"This temporary stop sale is not safety related and BMW owners may continue to ride their motorcycles as normal."* The fact that the order is not related to safety and does not impact electric motorcycles has led to much speculation. One possible reason for the move by BMW could be emissions related. The focus on both new and used motorcycles hints that is a long-standing issue BMW is trying to address.

It's unclear how this order will impact BMW owners who may face recalls, or other maintenance situations. Regardless of the "temporary" status, being that this information focuses on "internal combustion engines" and offers electric motorcycles as a replacement, it certainly has our attention. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will track this developing story and update you as the more information becomes available.



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MRF Mission Statement

Our mission is to continue developing an aggressive, independent national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle which is financially stable and exceeds the needs of motorcycling enthusiasts.



2024 Federal Legislative Agenda

The MRF's Legislative Committee held a legislative strategy session at the 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 39th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2024 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Legislative issues fall into one of three categories, high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on the issue and political environment.

If you aren't a MRF member [click here to join](#) and support freedom and safety for street motorcyclists in Washington, D.C.

2024 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs
- and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation
- System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.

- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Emission Regulations:

- Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Internal Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.

- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

This legislation:

- Revises current EPA rule to include warning label requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.
- Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15, as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.
- Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.

Right to Repair:

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

2024 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding.
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Preserve the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA.
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.
- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority issues and emerging technologies

Taxes:

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2024 MONITOR ITEMS

Distracted Driving:

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

EV Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing the membership of key developments.

National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

Sound Testing:

- Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).
- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement

Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

Tolling:

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.

In order to remain vigilant until all aspects are complete, some references to legislation or resources could appear not to be timely.

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Date	Chapter Meetings 2023
11/01	Richland County
11/02	Kaskaskia Valley Crawford County
11/03	
11/04	So Illinois 27
11/05	Salt Creek, Shoal Creek, Starved Rock, Thunder Rock, Peo-Taz
11/06	
11/07	Freedom Riders
11/08	Will County
11/09	Heart of Illinois, Old River, St. Clair
11/10	
11/11	Piasa-Gateway, Stateline Riders, Lamoine Valley, Backroads NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
11/12	Blackhawk, Central, Eastern, Freebird, Freedom Valley, Liberty, Windy City, Ten Mile Creek, Kishwaukee Valley
11/13	
11/14	Midstate
11/15	Chicago
11/16	South Suburban
11/17	
11/18	Black Diamond
11/19	Freeport, Prairieland
11/20	Tri County
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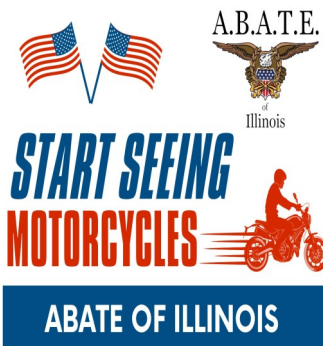
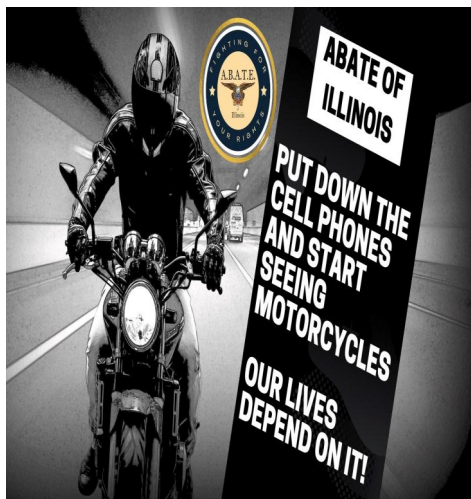
November 18	E-Board meeting
December 16	E-Board and BOD meetings (elections) Christmas Party



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DATE	EVENT
January 19-21	Seminar
February 17	E-Board and BOD meeting
March 23 March 24 TBD	E-Board meeting Swap Meet Legislative Day
April 20	E-Board and BOD meeting
May 4 May 5	E-Board Freedom Rally
June 15 June 20-23	E-Board and BOD meeting State Party
July 20 (tentative)	E-Board Meeting
August 17	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations)
September ?? September 21	Bike Raffle Drawing E-Board Meeting
October 19 TBD	E-board and BOD meeting (E-Board Nominations) Swap Meet
November 16	E-Board Meeting
December 14 December 14	E-Board and BOD meeting (E-Board Elections) Christmas Party

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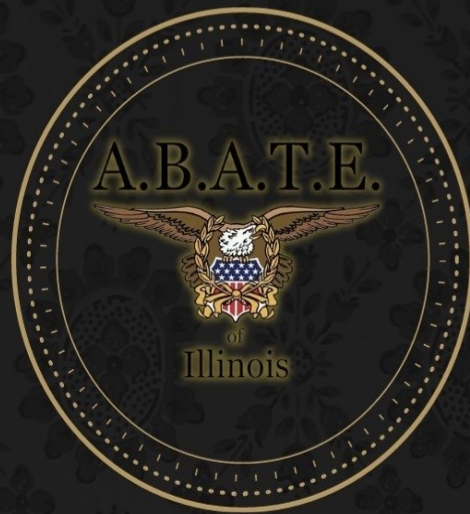
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